

MICHIGAN CROP REPORT IS OUT

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The condition of all but two of Michigan's crops is below the ten-year average for July 1, according to the first report issued by Verne H. Church, Agricultural Statistician, U. S. Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates in cooperation with Herman H. Halladay, Commissioner of the newly created State Department of Agriculture. Deficient moisture and extreme heat are largely responsible for this condition. Local showers have greatly benefited most sections of southern and eastern Michigan, but were generally insufficient in amount. An extreme drought prevails over the northwest quarter of the Lower Peninsula and in some sections of the Upper Peninsula, which has seriously affected all crops and pastures. Grasshoppers are doing much damage in some northern localities, chiefly at points in the Upper Peninsula. Notwithstanding these discouragements, wheat promises a fairly good crop, and corn is making exceptionally good growth.

Wheat: Harvest is nearly completed and threshing commenced in the western and southern counties, and harvesting is well under way in the eastern districts. There is some Hessian fly and rust, but the outlook is for a yield slightly above the average. The total production is estimated at 14,949,000 bushels as compared with 13,795,000 produced last year, the acreage being 818,000 against 890,000 last year. The amount of old wheat remaining on farms is estimated at 1,242,000 bushels, or nine per cent of last year's crop.

Corn: Much corn was from three to five feet in height on July 1, and it is growing very rapidly. Tasseling has commenced. Extreme drought in the northwest counties injured the stand and greatly retarded the growth there. The condition is 93 per cent, as compared with 88 last year and 82 the ten-year average. The acreage is one per cent larger than last year, or a total of 1,641,000 acres. The present condition forecasts a production of 60,282,000 bushels.

Oats: Dry weather during May and the fore part of June materially injured oats. Showers have helped them in some sections, but the present prospect is for only 70 per cent of a crop, compared with a ten year average of 86. This condition represents a crop of 39,013,000 in comparison with a production of 56,130 bushels in 1920.

Rye: The condition is three points lower than on June 1, and now represents a total production of 9,160,000 bushels. Last year, 9,702,000 bushels were grown in the State.

Barley: Barley suffered somewhat similarly to oats. The present condition of 74 per cent is eight per cent lower than that of last month, and 13 per cent below the ten year average. The prospective production is 4,824,000 bushels.

Hay: Frost, followed by drought, greatly injured the hay prospects. While some good yields were obtained in various localities in southern and eastern counties, the average is only 62 per cent of a crop for the state, or 2,778,000 tons. Last year's production was 3,213,000 tons.

Beans: An inquiry relative to the acreage of beans discloses a somewhat lower acreage than last year. In the main producing counties of the Saginaw valley and the "Thumb" district, there is a good acreage, but in all other sections a marked reduction is noticeable, and some counties that formerly produced a considerable quantity have practically discontinued growing them. The estimated acreage is 236,000, and the present condition of 86 per cent represents a production of 2,496 bushels.

Potatoes: The acreage of potatoes is as large as that of last year, 340,000. It has been increased in some of the main potato producing sections, and decreased in other portions of the state. Dry weather in the northwestern counties has interfered with planting and growth. Many fields were still unplanted on July 1, and many that were planted had not come up yet. This situation is unfavorable for a good stand, and the outlook for the state is 83 per cent, ten per cent lower than last year and six per cent below the ten-year average. This condition, if maintained throughout the season, would produce a crop of 28,502,000 bushels.

Sugar beets: Sugar beets have a fairly good stand in most sections and the growth is generally satisfactory. Considerable damage has resulted in certain localities from leafhoppers and from black rot. The present condition is 83 per cent. One year ago it was 86 per cent, the same as the ten-year average.

Fruits: Apples dropped badly during June as predicted, and the prospect one month ago of 52 per cent of a crop has declined to 40 per cent.

Peaches declined only two per cent during the month, the condition now being 25 per cent.

The condition of the other fruits is as follows: Cherries 24 per cent, pears 42 per cent, grapes 45 per cent, blackberries and raspberries 80 per cent, plums 25 per cent.

All fruits continue to show a much better prospect in the northern than in the southern half of the fruit belt.

Ralph Connor's "Sky Pilot," Strand Sunday—advertisement.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. J. W. Robinson was a Grand Rapids visitor Saturday.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-12-c

Miss Ruth Babcock is visiting with friends in Harbor Springs.

M. J. McPhee of Grand Rapids was a business caller in Alma on Tuesday.

Walter Hardgrove and John Barker were business callers at Cedar Lake Monday.

Watch for The Gaffney Style Shop 98c special Saturday, July 16.—advertisement.

Miss Bethel Kitchum of Sand Lake is visiting at the home of her sister in this city.

Do not forget the 98c special at The Gaffney Style Shop July 16.—advertisement.

Fried Cakes and Cookies as made at the Model Bakery are unequalled. Try them.—00-8w

Howard Barker and family of Lansing visited at the home of his parents here last week.

Mrs. Frederick, who has been visiting at the home of M. Medler, has returned to her home.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 67-1f

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark of Charlotte visited with their children and friends in Alma last week.

Watch Robinson's State St. window for the latest classy styles in ladies' footwear.—advertisement.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dornier of Detroit visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Howard Willard last week.

If you want home-made fried cakes and cream cookies, come to Willet's Grocery, River avenue.—advertisement.

The Rev. W. H. Phelps, D.D., of Battle Creek will preach at the union service in the Baptist church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Barnes and children of Woodland visited over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cushing.

P. T. Banghart expects to leave this week for a several weeks' visit at the home of his son Clarence in Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Downey Vought and son of Akron, Ohio, are guests at the home of the former's parents for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lawton and Arnold Copland of Bay City are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hext.

Reductions of from 1/4 to 1/2 off on all children's wearables on children's day at Robinson's, Saturday, August 16.—advertisement.

Mrs. Flewellyn of West Center St. left this morning for Pontiac where she will visit her daughter Mrs. Harry Owen for some time. Later she will visit her son in Detroit.

Miss Dora Hamilton, who was injured recently in an automobile accident here, has so far recovered as to be able to resume her work at the Symons Bros. wholesale grocery here.

Frank W. Ruggles, Ezra L. Smith and President H. M. Crooks are enjoying a fishing trip in the northern part of the state. They are sojourning at Chase S. Osborn's camp near Sault St. Marie.

Local R. F. D. carriers went to Ithaca Saturday to attend the county R. F. D. association meeting, which was held at the home of Judge Stone.

They report a highly interesting meeting, as well as a good time, shown the visitors by their Ithaca hosts.

Mr. E. E. White of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, New York City, will speak at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at the usual hour of morning worship. Mr. White at present is one of the leaders at the Presbyterian Summer School now in session at the college.

The city officials are considering the purchase of a new model Republic Rapid Transit truck to be used by the city in its various work. It will be the first of the new models sold locally by the Republic Truck Co. Inc. of this city. The Rapid Transit, or Model 75, as it is known, is a brand new Republic product, which is being announced this month.

George C. Switzer of Eastward St. reports extraordinary success with tomatoes this season. From one plant of Condon's Everbearing purchased of J. C. Pardee and planted May 17 he picked the first ripe tomato June 27. Since then he has picked twenty-five perfect tomatoes from the same vine and counts 150 tomatoes left on plant. These are all nice large tomatoes. The plant covers a space six feet square.

Mr. and Mrs. William Andre entertained last week her sisters, Mrs. Mary Demmig and Mrs. Jennie Mitchell, of Eaton Rapids.

Clarence Jessup is spending a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jessup.

Miss Florence Conant is home from Hilldale college for the summer vacation.

Harley Gibbs entertained recently his brothers Walter and Carl Gibbs of Elmwood, Ill.

Miss Marjorie McCoy who taught at Wyandotte the past year is spending the summer vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yost.

Mrs. Elizabeth Marr is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gdoley in Lafayette township.

Miss Anna Brown, who teaches in the Bay City schools, and Miss Lucile Brown, a teacher in Chicago schools, are spending the summer vacation with their mother.

Roland Hoffman of Alma is spending some time with relatives in

Will G. Garbour of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Will Wilford and daughter, Gladys, of Lansing were guests on Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hays.

The Michigan Pike association on a tour through the state and portions of Canada were in Ithaca a short time Sunday morning. The Ford band with them furnished music and several in the party gave addresses. Following this gathering the churches held an open air service with short talks by the pastors and special music.

Mrs. Slade and son, Harold, have moved into the house recently vacated by Rev. L. S. Slaybaugh and family.

George N. Lanphere is at Higgins lake where he is building a cottage.

Mrs. Sara Brown and Miss Beatrice Brown, who is employed in Detroit is spending the week with her mother and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. John Kern and son, Rolla, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Norton Gibbs, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell expect to leave the last of the week for an auto trip through the northern part of the state. They will be gone about ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Chapin spent the past week at Crystal.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The First State Bank AT ALMA, MICHIGAN

at the close of business June 30, 1921, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

RESOURCES

LOANS AND DISCOUNTS, viz:

Commercial

a Secured by collateral \$253,067.98
b Unsecured 316,193.67
c Items in transit 4,029.62
Totals 573,291.27

Savings

a Secured by collateral 56,731.33
b Unsecured 88,432.00
Totals 145,163.33 718,454.60

BONDS, MORTGAGES AND SECURITIES, viz:

Commercial

e U. S. Bonds and Cert of Indt. Pledged 35,000.00
Totals 35,000.00

Savings

a Real Estate Mortgages 428,810.13
Totals 428,810.13 463,810.13

RESERVES, viz

Commercial

Due from Banks in Reserve 27,218.22
Cities 3,944.38
Exchanges for clearing house 13,848.44
Total cash on hand 45,011.04

Savings

U. S. Bonds & Cert. of Ind. carried as legal reserve in Sav. Dept. only 108,400.00
Total Cash on hand 7,000.00
Totals 115,400.00 160,411.04

COMBINED ACCOUNTS, viz:

Overdrafts 672.23
Banking House 25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures 7,000.00
Outside Checks and other Cash 808.04
Items 1,376,156.04
Total 1,376,156.04

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in 100,000.00
Surplus Fund 100,000.00
Undivided Profits, net 9,602.50
Dividends Unpaid 8,041.00
Reserved for Depreciation on Bldg. and Bonds 3,545.37

COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS, viz:

Comm'l Deposits subject to ck. 315,878.59
Demand Certificates of Deposit 91,117.60
Certified Checks 5,798.02
Total 412,794.21 412,794.21

SAVINGS DEPOSITS, viz:

Book Accts.—Subject to Savings By-Laws 287,362.80
Certificates of Deposit—Subject to Savings By-Laws 363,810.16
Total 651,172.96 651,172.96
Notes and Bills rediscounted 66,000.00
Bills payable 25,000.00
Total 1,376,156.04

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Gratiot, ss.
I, Carl H. Washburn, cashier, of the above named bank, do solemnly swear, that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.

CARL H. WASHBURN, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July, 1921. Wm. McFadden, Notary Public
My commission expires Aug. 20, 1921.
Correct attest:
LESTER A. SHARP
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Directors.

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